

Internship Report

Organization – CECOEDECON

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Introduction –

Cecoedecon is a grassroots level of non-governmental organization based in Rajasthan India established in 1982 . The organization is committed to empowering marginalized communities , particularly rural women and smallholder farmer through integrated development Initiative . Its mission is to promote sustainable and equitable development by enhancing socio-economic capabilities disadvantages group .

COECEODECON works across multiple domain such as sustainable agriculture , non-farm livelihood , women empowerment , child rights , health and nutrition , and climate change adaptation . It adopt a right based approach to development focus on capacity building policy advocacy and community mobilization .

A key strength of the organization lies in its emphasize on livelihood security and women led development through self-help group (SHG) Farmer producer organization (FPO) ,vocational training and market linkage COECEODECON help rural livelihood diversify their income source beyond traditional farming .

The organization has implemented various innovative projects in collaboration with national and international partners, including UN agencies, government departments, and civil society networks. With decades of experience and community trust, COECEODECON continues to be a catalyst for inclusive rural transformation in India.

Objective of internship

1. To identify and document different type of non-farm livelihood activities adopted by rural household in the study area .
2. To analyze the role of non-governmental organization (NGO) – especially Cecoedecon in facilitating access to non-farm livelihood through training , SHG formation credit support and market linkage .
3. To access the socio-economic impact of non-farm livelihood activities on rural household , particularly in terms of income enhancement , women empowerment and reducing migration
4. To examine the challenges and constraint faced by rural household in adopting and sustaining non-farm livelihood
5. To explore the effectiveness of self help group and other community based model in promoting entrepreneurship among women and marginalized group .

Organizational Profile

Overview & history

- Founded : 9 June 1982 as a registered non-profit society in Jaipur , Rajasthan
- Base & Reach : Headquartered at F-159-160, Institutional & Industrial Area, Sitapura, Jaipur Operates across **15+ districts** in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

Vision , Mission & Approach

- Vision & Mission : CECOEDCON evolved from its early work in disaster relief into a respected civil society agent promoting **economic justice, livelihood security, basic rights, institutional development, and community building**
- Approach : A **rights-based**, participatory, gender-sensitive development model aligned with both community-level engagement and national/international advocacy

Core Programmatic Themes

- Livelihood Security & Economic Justice – Focus on sustainable agriculture (dryland farming , agroforestry) soil – water conservation , water harvesting , eco-generation and climate resilience intervention to reduce migration and boost income
- Basic Rights and social empowerment – Ensure access to entitlement in health ,nutrition, education ,child rights women empowerment and social justice through community mobilization and institutional strengthening
- Multi-sectoral Engagement-Works across disaster management, environment & natural resource management, microfinance (SHGs), tribal & minority welfare, legal awareness, water and sanitation, and education

Institutional Footprint & Recognition

- **Geographic Presence:** Active in around 15+ districts across Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, targeting marginalized groups including landless households, smallholder farmers, Scheduled Castes & Tribes, women and children .
- **Partnerships:** Collaborates with government bodies, UN processes, research institutions, judiciary, media, and policy networks. Recognized contributor in forums on sustainable development, climate justice, and seed & land rights
- **Global Engagement:** Former participant in the UN Global Compact (joined in 2014; later delisted)

Structure & Governance

- **Leadership:**
 - *Manju Bala Joshi* — Secretary / CEO
 - *P. M. Paul* — Director
 - *Vibhuti Joshi* — Deputy Director
- **Employees:** Around 51–100 staff members
- **Legal & Compliance:**
 - Registered Society under Rajasthan state act
 - Holds FCRA licence for foreign funding (FCRA: 125560001)

Summary

CECOEDECON stands out as a well established rights-based NGO from Rajasthan with multi-decade experience in promoting sustainable livelihood , justice , and institutional empowerment among marginalized and rural communities. Their integrated locally anchored yet nationally and globally engaged approach ensure depth in grassroot action and scope in policy influence .